

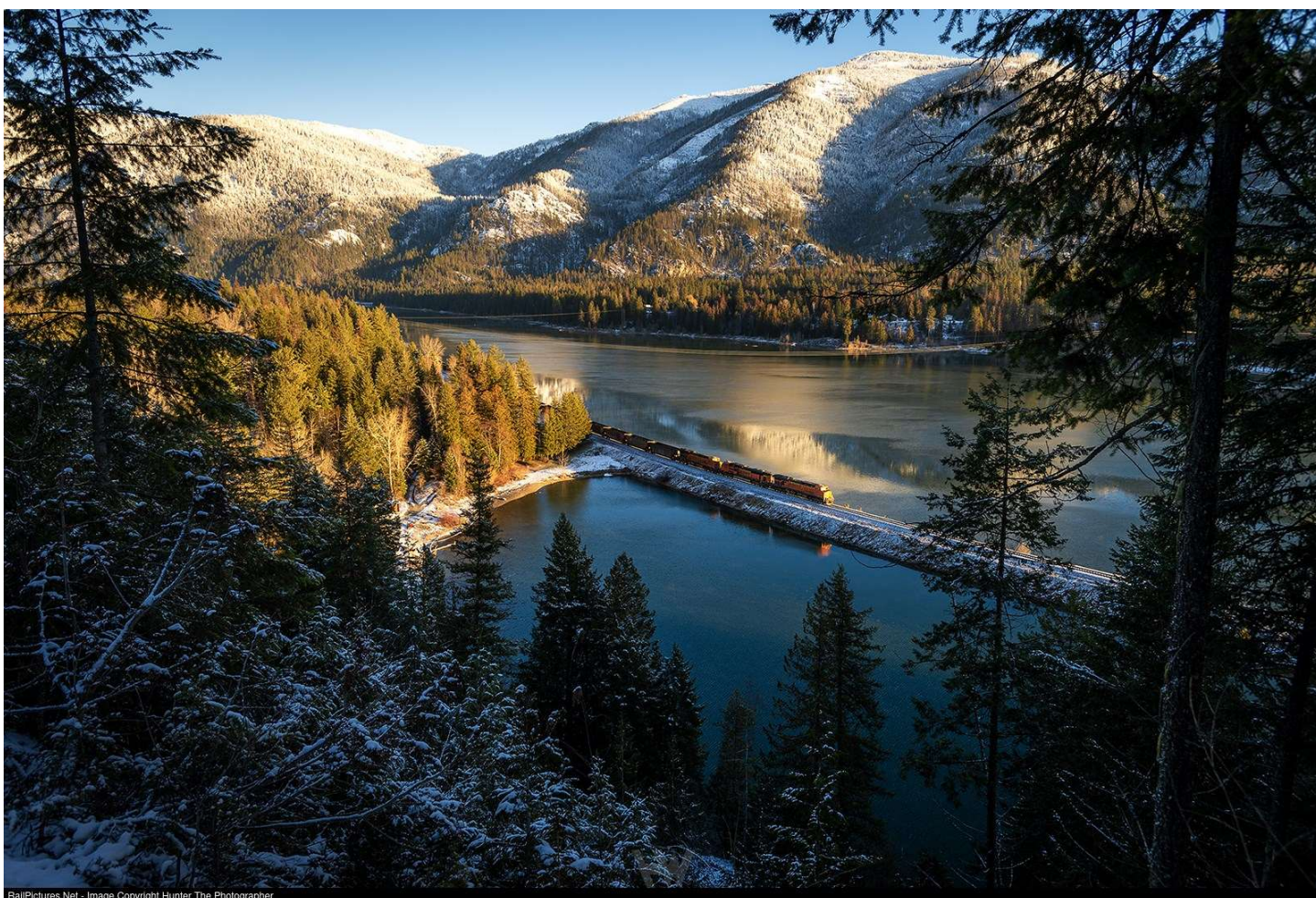


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With a light blanket of snow and bright morning sunlight covering the mountains near Noxon, MT, an eastbound train of empty coal hoppers cruises alongside the Clark Fork on a chilly Sunday, December 28, 2025.

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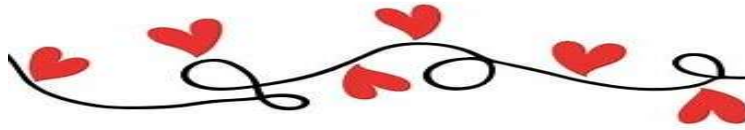
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by February 26th

Thank You

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities & Celebrations



February

- **February 1st, 2026 Medina train and Toy Show**
Medina Fairgrounds Medina, Ohio 44256 9am – 3pm Admission \$8.00
- **February 7th, 2026 Iron and Steel Winter Blizzard Train Show and Expo**
St. Mary's Assumption Social Center
Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown, OH 44509 9am-3pm Admission \$7.00
- **February 13th NMRA Division 4 Business Meeting 6:30-9:00pm**
Pizza Party



- **February 14th, 2026 Valentines Day**
- **February 14th, 2026 Canfield Train and Toy Show**
Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana, Canfield, OH 44406 10am-3pm Admission \$8.00



Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities & Celebrations

March

- Akron Train and Toy Show**
 Emdios and Sons Expo Center
 48 East Bath Rd, at State Rd
 Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223 9am- 3pm Admission \$5.00
- Wooster Train and Toy Show**
 Wayne County Fair Grounds, Wooster , Ohio
 10am-3pm Admission \$8.00
- Division 5 Railfest- Model Railroad Show**
 Lakeland Community College
 7700 Clocktower Dr, Kirtland, Ohio 44094
 10am-4pm
 Admission \$9.00
 \$14.00 2 day pass
 \$14.00 Couples Pass
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 Model Trains - Collectibles - Memorabilia
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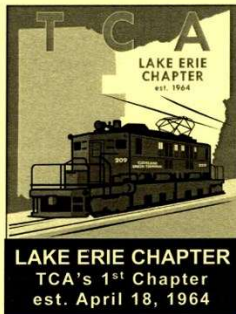
Upcoming Activities & Celebrations

- **March 28th, 2026 Train Collectors Association**

Springtime Train Show

Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds 10am -3pm

Train Collectors Association



Spring Time Train Show

Saturday

March 28, 2026

10am to 3pm

Join us at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds

164 Eastland Road (gate 2), Berea, OH 44017

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DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 2026**

6:30pm Set Up/Social Time - Meeting starts at 7:00pm

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WHEN & WHERE WE MEET

The North Coast Division holds 10 meetings a year (none in July and August). Meetings are on the **2nd Friday of each**

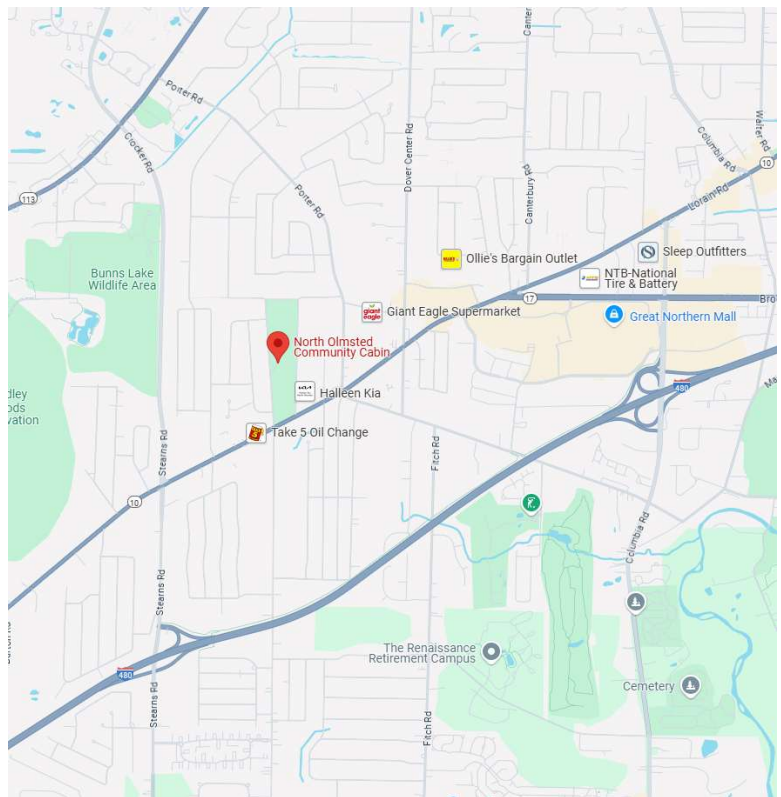
month. A set up/social half hour starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:00. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Starting January, 2025, the meetings are held at the **North Olmsted Community Cabin**, 28114 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting.

The Division's newsletter, *The Flatwheel* is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division 4 of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). All comments are welcome.

Views expressed in *The Flatwheel* do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NMRA, MCR, or Division 4.

The Flatwheel is typically electronically published no later than the Monday preceding the monthly meeting. **Submissions are due no later than the 26th of the prior month**, for example, August 26th for the September *Flatwheel*.

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GREETINGS FROM THE CAB

Greetings from the cab

This month's article will be rather short.

T-5 and counting until the Dayton Regional Convention. Please consider to registered for the convention. Early bird registration has ended, so it is full price now. I am looking forward to a good time in Dayton.

Div. 4 Awards Dinner was great! Big thanks Bert, Cris, and Patti for a job well done! I am looking forward to next year. Congratulations to Chuck, Bram and Dave for receiving the Bill Cramer/Dennis Novak award. A honor well earned.

This month is pizza night. So that should be a fun time as well.

The election committee has at least one person signed up for all positions. It is not too late to submit your name for one of the officer or director's positions. Great way to serve the division. Just see a member of the committee.

Just a reminder to sign up the Division 4 op-sessions. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy some of the Division 4 layouts. More on that to follow by special emails.

Well, the train is pulling into the yard and another run is over.

That's all I have for this month.

Ron



Ron Morgan

Meeting Minutes

AVIATOR RESTURANT

Division 4. MCR, NMRA, Business Meeting, January 9, 2026

On Friday, January 9, 2026, Division 4 held its annual Awards Banquet at the Aviators restaurant on Brookpark Rd. The evening began with a social hour. Rolling along on into a wonderful dinner.

After dinner Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 7:58pm. He thanked Bert Wisbar for arranging the Banquet venue.

John Hemsath, MMR – AP Award was presented to Ron Morgan.

Ron went on to handout the newly named William H. Cramer/Dennis F. Novak Service Award to the following members:

Chuck Shick

Bram Bailey

Dave Marvinney

Ron also has a permanent plaque with the recipients names listed.

Raffle will be held at the Conclusion of the meeting. Lots of great prizes over there.

Meeting was closed at 8:10pm

This meeting rolled to its conclusion,

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

NMRA AWARDS & APPRECIATION BANQUET



NMRA AWARDS AND APPRECIATION BANQUET

The Aviator created a wonderful event that was enjoyed by everyone in attendance with comments from excellent to "hope we come here again next year".



NMRA AWARDS & APPRECIATION BANQUET



NMRA AWARDS & APPRECIATION BANQUET

This year's recipients for the William H. Cramer /Thomas H. Novak Service awards were Chuck Shick and Bram Bailey.



NMRA AWARDS & APPRECIATION BANQUET

Ron Morgan received the Certificate of Achievement Award.



NMRA AWARDS & APPRECIATION BANQUET



Thank you to Adam Woodie for putting together the raffle this year. Adam spends all year looking for items for this event and does a great job of having a nice mix of railroad items to gift baskets.

NMRA AWARDS & APPRECIATION BANQUET



A special thank you to Chris Shick for creating the lovely centerpieces and for helping to make this a memorable occasion, Patty Kaplen for making all of the name badges, and Greg Noeth for taking care of finances.

This was a wonderful event for everyone in the division to come out and enjoy an evening of camaraderie, memories, and meeting new and old friends. If you missed the event this year, plan on coming out next year. The date will be January 8th, 2027.



NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

ELECTED OFFICERS

Superintendent - **Ron Morgan**, ronalco844@gmail.com

Assistant Superintendent - **Bert Wisbar**, bert.wisbar@gmail.com

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Director East - **John Janda**, c(440)-334-0869, jjanda101@gmail.com

Director West - **Gary Schaefer**, trains.ohio@yahoo.com

Director Quad Co. - **Fred Wagner** (419)-908-8251, boonedog0219@gmail.com

Director at Large - **Brian Haas**, brianhaas86@gmail.com

Director at Large - **Jeff Lauren** (216)-798-1896, jflrn@sbcglobal.net

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N.O.A.R.S. Representative - **Bill Kovacs**

Webmaster - **Chuck Shick**, chuck.shick@hotmail.com

Refreshments - **Don Glass**

Training Day - **Gary Schaefer**, trains.ohio@yahoo.com

N Scale T-Track - **Ramhog Shearer**, Ramhog5@aol.com

MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Wild Winter Lights has finally concluded. This must have been one of coldest year at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo for the modular group. Things will be quiet until the Avon Lake Library which is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th and Sunday, March 8th. There will be plenty of space for members to come and work on projects during the display. Think of it as a return of TRAINing Day.

Be sure to come on out and see us at any of the upcoming events. As always, anyone interested in joining the module group, please contact me at woo3482@hotmail.com.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

COMPANY STORE

Company Store

We still have the Division 7 Accurail N&W 2-bay covered hopper (3 available, different #'s). \$20 each.



Reminders:

The Company Store also manages:

- Shirt and hat sales – let me know if you want to order a Division 4 shirt.
- FastTracks jig loans – always helpful if I know before the meeting if you'd like to check one out. We have (all Code 83) #4, #6 and #8 turnouts, cross-over/double cross-over, and gantlet jigs.
- DVD library – lots of nice DVDs on modelling techniques available to borrow at each meeting



Scott Benson

CONTEST TABLE

The January contest news is a little thin this month due to the fact that there was no January contest. The reason being, of course, there was the Awards Dinner. A tip of the hat to all those who planned and worked to make the evening very enjoyable. The food was good, the conversations were warm, and the raffle was fun.

The February contest is "Project 20". A small rural station that, in HO scale, can not have a footprint larger than 20 square inches. The 20 square inch maximum applies to just the building. Platforms are not part of the 20 square inch mandate. These stations can be straight kits, kit bashed, or scratch built. They can be two stories with the tower on the second floor and the station below it on the first floor. The 20 square inch mandate is measured at the point where the building touches the ground. Overhangs can be beyond 20 square inches. Let's see what you come up with. The March contest is a second generation diesel. These four or six axle diesels that were purchased from the original owners but now carry the colors and name of its current owner. The name can be your free lanced railroad name or it can carry the name of a real short line railroad that did exist or still currently exists.

That's all I have for now, so I'm going to throw another log on the fire, watch some train videos, and forget about what's happening outside my window on this cold, winter night.



Joe Filipiak

CLINICS

FEBRUARY

February is member appreciation night otherwise know as Pizza Night!!. As is customary, I have some videos to watch as you enjoy your pizza. As I write this, we are experiencing 10” of snowfall and extreme cold, I found some great videos featuring railroading in winter. Snow plows, snow blowers, snow sheds in areas such as Donner’s Pass and Marias Pass.

MARCH

March is OPEN. If you have a clinic or subject you’d like to present please contact me.

FUTURE CLINICS

I’m always looking for Clinics. I’m currently looking for clinics to schedule for the February 2026 and beyond. If you have a topic you’d like to present please contact me. If you need help putting a clinic together, let me know and I can help you put one together and help get points toward your AP certificate. If you have a topic you would like to see presented, let me know.

Jerry Krueger



RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Another year and annual great raffle at the Awards Banquet! For those that did not attend, you missed out on the chance to win some fantastic prizes! New Locomotives, Multi-Car Sets, Gift Baskets, Mystery Boxes and so much more were up for grabs! A big thanks goes out to Bert Wisbar for coordinating the event!

February is membership appreciation night aka pizza night. No raffle will be held that evening. The next raffle is scheduled for Friday, March 13th! As always, there is something for everyone!

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

Achievement Program

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Last month, Ron Mongan was presented with his fourth AP certificate.

He earned his Association Official Certificate which he adds to his others:

Master Builder – Scenery

Association Volunteer

Master Builder – Electrical

Congratulations Ron!



John Hemsath

NMRA Division 4 Elections WE NEED YOU !

The upcoming **NMRA Division 4 election** is right around the corner, and we're calling on dedicated members like YOU to volunteer. Whether you're passionate about model railroading, eager to shape the future of our Division, or simply need some achievement volunteer points, this is your chance to make a difference.

Positions Available

- Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendent
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 5 Director positions

Interested volunteers please contact Mark Pekelnicky at mpekelnicky@gmail.com or 440-409-9770.

Golden Spike Work Session

NEXT SESSION

On January 17th we held our second work session. This session was all about weathering freight cars. A variety of techniques and materials were presented and available for members to try and to use.

Based on the discussions with attendees, upcoming topics will include hands on decaling and DCC decoder installation and programming

We will hold one more work session before summer. We will continue to hold them at the Strongsville branch library, as room availability permits. The next session has not been yet. Look for an announcement soon.

If you would like to attend, please contact Jerry Krueger at jktrains@yahoo.com . As with prior sessions, attendance will be limited.



Road Tripping

Jerry Krueger

A discussion item over the summer was how to increase opportunities for Division members and increase member participation outside of monthly Division 4 meetings. One way to do this is to make members aware of other model railroad activities. While the Division cannot provide transportation to these events, we encourage members to carpool and coordinate travel to them.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION DIVISION 1 – 2026 SPRING MODELERS MEET

Our friends in the northwest corner of Ohio have their annual 1-day modelers meet on April 18, 2026 in Sylvania, OH. This is close enough to drive to in the morning, attend some clinics, display models and return home the same day. If interested, more information can be found on their website: [2026 Spring Railroad Modeler Meet – Hosted by the Black Swamp Division \(Div. 1\) of the North Central Region \(NCR\), NMRA](#)

MCR KEYSTONE DIVISION (DIV 2) – MODEL RAILROAD JAMBOREE

Our friends in Division 2 in the Pittsburgh area hold their annual Jamboree on April 18, 2016 at Community College of Allegheny County – Boyce Campus at 595 Beatty Rd, Monroeville, PA 15146. Registration is \$50 and includes continental breakfast and lunch buffet. The dinner banquet is additional cost. Activities include clinics, contests, door prizes. Displays and white elephant sale.

[Jamboree 2026](#)

OTHER DIVISION'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Remember, as an NMRA member you can attend any division's meetings. If you are traveling, find the local division on the NMRA website and see if their meeting, or another event, overlaps your travel plans. MCR Divisions 1, 2, 5, 6 and 12 and all easy to drive too. Many meet on a Saturday or Sunday. Most have layout tours that if contacted would be willing to give our members information to participate.

Division 4 Ops Session Weekend



Division 4 Operating Session Weekend

Division 4 members are invited to join our first-ever Operating Session Weekend on **Saturday, March 14, and Sunday, March 15, 2026.**

- **New operators:** Discover how much fun operations can be!
- **Experienced operators:** Explore layouts you may not have operated on before.
- **7 Fantastic Local Layouts:**
 - ◊ HO and N scale
 - ◊ Wide range of Operating Systems, and Prototypes

Schedule:

- Saturday Two Sessions: 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM
- Sunday Session: 1:00 PM Session lengths vary on each railroad, but most average 2.5 to 3 hours

Registration:

- Registration will open on **January 10** and close on **March 6.**
- Sign up online: operatingsessions.com/Events/Register/V4D7X5 URL-REMOVED or visit the upcoming events section on Operating Sessions.com
- Each layout has a profile which can help you explore which layouts you want to visit.
- Registration Code: **SD40-2**
(Please do not share this code—it ensures the event is limited to Division 4 members.)
- The system will require you to fill out a selection for each time slot.
Use “No Selection” if you do not want to select a layout for that time slot.
- Step -by-Step Set Up instructions, with pictures, are available on the Division 4 website.

New to Operating Sessions.com?

- First time set up of account takes 5 minutes.
- Set up instructions, with pictures, are available on the Division 4 website.

Questions ?

mpekelnicky@gmail.com

440-409-9770

Division 4 Ops Session Weekend

Register for Operating Session Weekend

March 14 – 15, 2026

Registration is now OPEN for a weekend of immersive model railroad operations!

- 7 Fantastic Local Layouts
- HO and N Scale
- Variety of operating systems & prototypes
- No experience required

SESSION TIMES:

Saturday: 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM Sunday: 1:00 PM

HOW TO SIGN UP:

Sign up online: operatingsessions.com/Events/Register/V4D7X5 or scan the code

Registration Code: SD40-2

Registration closes March 6.

Instructions with pictures on Division 4 member website

Questions ? Email mpekelenicky@gmail.com



Trees & Trains 2025

All good thing must come to an end. I had a great time at this Trees and Trains -25/2026 event and I want to thank all the people who came out to this event and had fun. I also want to thank the members of BRNS / Burning River N Club who came out to help run this Div4 T-Trak layout. I want to thank Div4 for their part also, we all just had the best time it was great. I'm looking forward to the next event in Nov 2026.

Sincerely,
Ramhog Shearer / Div4 N Scale T-Trak layout
PO BOX 46848
Cleveland, OH 44146
216-225-6133
RAMHOG5@AOL.COM



Spring Layout Tours

All Aboard for the Division 4 Spring layout tours.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday May 16th.

12;30 to 4:30 open houses at 4 area layouts.

Ramhog Shearer will be showing his two new N scale layouts.

He will also have the N Scale T-Track 2.0 versions for those interested in exploring the modular side of todays N Scale.

We will send updated information on the other 3 layouts in the March Flatwheel.

Joe Kurilec's Erie Plate RR

Mark Pekelnicky's Brand new Conrail Adrian Secondary line

Dave Lawler's Ontario Northern Railway will round out the 4 featured layouts

Happy Railfanning - John Witt

WHAT'S NEW

Broadway Limited Imports Electro-Motive Division GP35

Price: Stealth Series (direct current) without sound, \$279.99; with dual-mode Paragon4 sound decoder, \$379.99

Manufacturer: Broadway Limited Imports, 9 East Tower Circle, Ormond Beach, FL 32174; 386-673-8900; broadway-limited.com



Electro-Motive Division GP35 features:

- ABS body
- All-wheel electrical pickup
- Die-cast metal chassis
- Factory-applied bell, etched-metal grills, grab irons, handrails, horn, and windshield wipers
- Metal Kadee-compatible couplers
- Minimum operating radius, 18"
- Prototype-specific details, including truck sideframes, horn type and location, pilots, and more
- Will operate on code 70, 83, and 100 rail

Release date: To be announced

Road names: Soo Line (American Revolution Bicentennial scheme); BNSF Ry. (GP39-2, modern appearance); Conrail (blue and white); Denver & Rio Grande Western (as-delivered scheme); Gulf, Mobile & Ohio (as-delivered scheme); Savannah & Atlanta (high short hood, modern appearance); Union Pacific (1980s paint); and fictional Christmas scheme. One to two road numbers per

Price: \$68.95

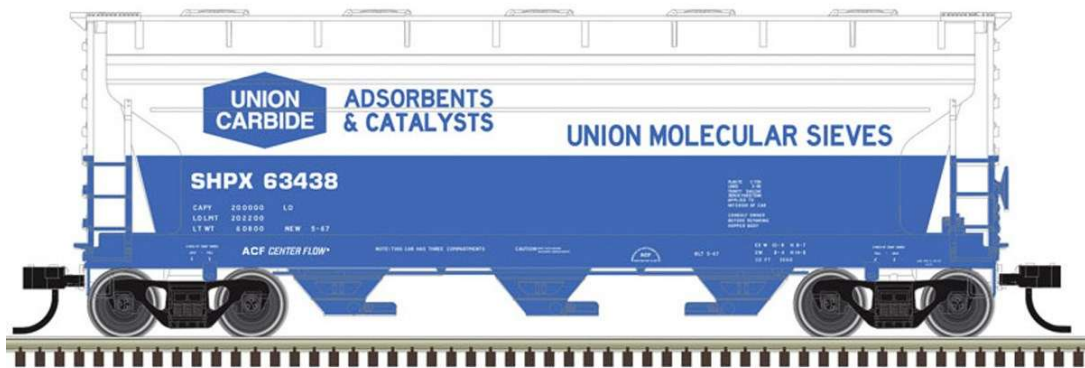
Manufacturer: Atlas Model Railroad Co., 378 Florence Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205; 908-687-0880; shop.atlasrr.com

WHAT'S NEW?

Atlas Trainman American Car & Foundry 3560 covered hopper

Price: \$38.95

Manufacturer: Atlas Model Railroad Co., 378 Florence Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205; 908-687-0880; shop.atlasrr.com



American Car & Foundry 3560 covered hopper features:

- Detailed underframe
 - Accumate knuckle couplers
 - Trucks equipped with metal wheels
- Release date:** Fourth quarter 2026

Road names: New paint schemes — Union Carbide, International Minerals & Chemical Corp. (with FRA-224 stripes), Rail Logistics, and Riverport RR. New road numbers — Chesapeake & Ohio, Norchem, and Norfolk Southern. Two numbers per paint scheme.

WHAT'S NEW

Rapido Electro-Motive Division E7 diesel locomotive

Price: Direct-current models — single unit, \$249.95; two-unit sets, \$469.95. With Digital Command Control and sound — single unit, \$369.95; two-unit sets, \$689.95

Manufacturer: Rapido Trains Inc., 382 High St., Buffalo, NY 14204; 905-474-3314; rapidotrains.com



Electro-Motive Division E7 features include:

- Available in Phase I and Phase II carbodies
- Road-name specific side vent configurations
- Multiple nose configurations
- Freight or passenger pilots
- Skirted or non-skirted fuel tanks
- Die-cast metal chassis
- Road-specific detail parts in both plastic and etched metal
- Suggested minimum radius, 22"

Release date: To be announced

Road names: New York Central; Baltimore & Ohio; Boston & Maine; Chicago & North Western; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Maine Central; Pennsylvania RR; Seaboard Air Line; Southern Ry.; Southern Pacific; Spokane, Portland & Seattle; and Union Pacific.

WHAT'S NEW

WalthersMainline 50-foot BethGon Coalporter

Price: Single car, \$44.98; three-pack, \$124.98

Manufacturer: Wm. K. Walthers Inc., 5601 W. Florist Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53218; 414-527-0770; walthers.com



50-foot BethGon Coalporter features include:

- Individually molded and applied internal bracing
- Scale 36" diameter turned-metal wheels
- Body-mounted Proto-Max metal knuckle couplers

Release date: Summer 2026

Road names: CSX, BNSF Ry., Conrail, Consumers Power Co., and Norfolk Southern.

WHAT'S NEW

Rapido Train of Tomorrow set

Price: Direct-current set, \$849.95; with DCC and sound, \$959.95

Manufacturer: Rapido Trains Inc., 382 High St., Buffalo, NY 14204; 905-474-3314; rapidotrains.com



Train of Tomorrow features include:

- Set includes Electro-Motive Division E7A locomotive, dome coach *Star Dust*, dome sleeper *Dream Cloud*, dome diner *Sky View*, and dome lounge/observation *Moon Glow*
 - Passenger cars feature detailed, illuminated interiors; separate grab irons; underbody details; 41-BNO-11 trucks with blackened metal wheels; and operating diaphragms with end gate
 - Minimum radius, 22" (18" radius with modification)
 - Set includes "Train of Tomorrow" wine tumbler glasses and other memorabilia
- Release date:** To be announced

Road names: Train of Tomorrow and Union Pacific *City of Seattle*.

WHAT'S GOING ON

<p>2026</p> <p>Feb. 1st</p>	<p>Medina Train and Toy Show Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256 9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$8.00 Phone: 330-948-4400</p> <p>Info & Map Flyer</p>
<p>2026</p> <p>Feb. 7th</p>	<p>Iron and Steel Winter Blizzard Train show and expo St. Mary' s Assumption Social Center 356 S. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44509 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Adm. \$7:00 under 16 free</p> <p>For Tables Dennis: 330-503-5510 Flyer</p>
<p>2026</p> <p>Feb. 13th</p>	<p>A President's Day Celebration at The Painesville Railroad Museum Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot) 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Adm. FREE Accepted and Appreciated</p> <p>MAP Flyer</p>
<p>2026</p> <p>Feb. 14th</p>	<p>Canfield Train and Toy Show Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana, Canfield, Ohio 44406 Being held in new Event Center 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$8.00 Phone: 330-651-1042</p> <p>Map Flyer</p>

WHAT'S GOING ON

2026 Feb. 21st	<p>'O' Gauge Model Train Sale - One Day Only</p> <p>Back by popular demand! Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot) 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. FREE <i>Accepted and Appreciated</i></p> <p>MAP Flyer</p>
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The North Coast Division meetings are normally held on the second Friday of the month, to hear guest speakers, share skills, have railroad related clinics, and to share common problems and successes. Many of us get together informally in round-robin sessions to operate and work on each other's layouts, or just talk railroads and modeling.



Old time railroading. Conductor Myron Henry enjoys the view and fresh air on the rear platform of his caboose on a short work train headed up the Silverton branch of the DRGW. Caboose 0505 was Myron's assigned caboose. He was the second senior conductor at Durango at that time. The senior conductor was Al Lyons, who was working the Silverton passenger train that day. Even in 1965 this was old time railroading with steam, wooden cars and a weed